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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MILI PFOR CH VS

SUBJECT: GVN MOVE TOWARD SPRATLEYS

REF: PEKING 193

1. ALTHOUGH THUS FAR WE HAVE OBSERVED NO OFFICIAL REACTION TO MOVE BY GVN TASK FORCE TOWARD SPRATLEY ISLANDS, WE NOTE THAT FEBRUARY 1 EDITION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS" CARRIES AS ITS FIRST ITEM AN AP ACCOUNT OF DISPATCH OF FOUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE PLATOONS AND THREE SHIPS TO THE AREA.

2. COMMENT: "NEWS FROM FOREIGN AGENCIES AND PRESS" IS A COMPILATION OF WIRE STORIES FROM WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES INTENDED FOR THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY. CHINESE MAY HAVE CHOSEN THIS MEANS TO INDICATE THEIR AWARENESS OF GVN  
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ACTION WITHOUT, HOWEVER, HAVING TO TAKE ANY OFFICIAL

COGNIZANCE OF IT AT THIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, THEY CLEARLY  
ARE WATCHING EVENTS CLOSELY.  
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